

OPEN BURNING is the burning of a bonfire, rubbish or other fire in an outdoor location where fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit. Open burning **is prohibited** at all times within the area served by the Bellevue Fire Department.

RECREATIONAL FIRES defined as burning of dried firewood, manufactured firelogs, or charcoal (no rubbish) for cooking, pleasure or ceremonial purposes, are permitted in accordance with the International Fire Code and rules as developed by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA). These fires must not be larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. Recreational fires are not allowed during periods of impaired air quality as defined by PSCAA or other governmental agency. You may contact PSCAA at 1-800-595-4341 or visit their web site at www.pscleanair.org/burning/whatisaburnban.shtml#how for burn ban information.

Fires lit in Chimineas, fire pits, fire bowls and similar free-standing devices, commonly sold at home-improvement stores, are also considered "recreational" and should use only charcoal, dried firewood or manufactured logs (some brands make outdoor specific firelogs.)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT BURNING:

- Q Where can I have my cooking / recreational fire located?**
- A** Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Q Do recreational fires require that I obtain a permit from the Fire Department?

A No. Recreational fires conforming to the above regulations do not require a fire department permit.

Q Must I be in attendance at all times with fire extinguishing equipment?

A Yes. Recreational fires shall be constantly attended and supervised by a person knowledgeable in the use of extinguishing tools like shovels, garden hoses, or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating on site, and available for immediate use.

Q If I can't burn, what can I do with my yard waste?

A Waste haulers offer curbside yard waste pick up for less than \$10 a month. You can take it to county transfer sites and hauler drop boxes. Call King County Solid Waste division for more information at 206-296-4466.

Q If I receive a complaint from a neighbor will I have to extinguish my fire?

A If smoke is causing a nuisance, the fire department will have you extinguish the fire. Please be aware of conditions of poor air quality or high fire danger that initiate local burn bans. Contact PSCAA for recreational fire burn ban information at 1-800-595-4341.

Subject reference source is from the International Fire Code section 307.3.2.

For additional clarification or information please contact the Fire Prevention Division of the Bellevue Fire Department at 425-452-6872.

Copies of the IFC can be found at Bellevue City Hall, public libraries, or purchased online.